

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-19 remain active in this application. Claims 1-11 were canceled and Claims 12 and 14 were amended by a previous amendment filed on August 11, 2004. Now, Claims 12 and 14 – 18 are presently amended for clarification purposes only. No new matter is added. It is respectfully submitted that the previously filed response addresses the merits of the Office Action, and no further discussion thereof is necessary.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 12-19 include allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment of Claims 12 and 14-18, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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